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Thanks for your great work in Monday's Eco Team work session. We made good progress to set us up for a productive meeting on October 3-4, and I'll seek your comments on a draft agenda for that meeting soon.

Attached are summarized notes from Monday's meeting, and below is an excerpt of the assignments we agreed to. I've included target due dates here to keep our work moving forward; if any of these are unworkable, please let me know.

Problem Formulation and Workplan Appendices

- We will revisit the PH Workplan Appendices to add/revise management objectives for lamprey, sturgeon and Chinook habitat, and think ahead about how we will use that information. We can pull in useful information from ODFW, lamprey studies, and other sources, and justify changes to the Appendices based on this new information and the team's agreement on how we'll use it.
- Next steps: EI will take a first cut at revising the Workplan Appendices with help from Joe, Jennifer, Ben and ODFW/USFWS to include sufficient problem formulation and proposed management objectives for species habitat in the ISA. Target due date – EI sends revised Appendices to the full Eco Team by September 28 for review and comment. If possible, changes based on comments will be made before the October 3-4 Eco Team work session so that we can move forward with an agreed-to revision.

Questions about COPCs at the site

- Table E-1 in Appendix B of the 9/9/05 PRE lists 46 COPCs. We need to look at this list, determine what pathways weren't included and identify any changes needed. Also, we need to clarify *our process* for identifying COPCs and tell the LWG how we want them to do it. Questions/issues that will come up during the process include whether to look across the river as a whole or at localized areas, and the need to look at more than just tissue because PAHs and other contaminants don't bioaccumulate.
- Next steps: Parametrics will look at the COPCs identified by the LWG and develop a proposed process for identifying COPCs and bring it back to the Eco Team for consideration. Target due date – send findings and proposed process to the Eco Team by September 28 for review and comment.

Ecological CSM

- The group agreed to combine the front half of Burt's CSM (sources) with the back half of the LWG's CSM (receptors) with changes to both sides as discussed and agreed upon by the group.
- Next steps: Burt, Rob and Jennifer will work on creating two additional exposure medium boxes on the source side of Burt's model and other changes as discussed to Burt's model. Brent Findley (EI) will combine Burt's CSM with the LWG's CSM and work with Joe, Jennifer, Rob and Chris to ensure accuracy of the revised model. The NRDA "complete/significant" definitions will be added to the revised CSM with changes if needed. Target due date – Brent will send the revised CSM with definitions to the whole Eco Team by September 28 for review and comment. The revised CSM will be printed in wall-size for use at the October 3-4 Eco Team work session. At some point, the team will need to articulate justification for our changes to the LWG's model.

Benthic meetings

- Next steps: Joe will schedule an Eco Team meeting to talk about upcoming benthic tissue sampling and approach, including Jay Field and Mike Anderson (during the week of Sept 26-30).

We'll then need a follow-up meeting with the LWG. We should consider delaying the November 1 Benthic Approach deliverable if needed.

Potential meeting location change

We decided on Monday to hold the October 3-4 meeting in Portland to accommodate Pam's schedule. Her schedule recently changed, and EI has requested that the October 3-4 meeting now be held in Seattle instead of Portland. If we make this change, the October 24-25 meeting would be in Portland instead of Seattle. The October 17 meeting will still be in Centralia or Olympia. Please let me know your thoughts on this location change for our meetings.

If you have any questions or changes for the attached notes, please let me know.

Thanks,
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